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Dear Ms. Hesse:

One of the fantastic things about being an American is the ability to take a venture you started in your garage, a creation you built in your backyard or an idea you formalized your apartment and transform it into the largest, most profitable business in the world. It is this promise of fortune that led most of our ancestors to this great country in the first place. This reward of innovation has inspired and driven our most successful entrepreneurs to craft inventions that have revolutionized our world and make our lives better.

This very ideal of freedom and innovation has been under attack in the federal government's lawsuit against Microsoft. At one point, Microsoft was the whimsical dream of an ordinary American. But through keen strategy, tireless effort and enormous risk, it blossomed into the most successful software company in history. As we see with our financial markets daily, with risk comes reward, and Microsoft reaped the benefits. But the federal government has been trying to step in and limit that growth.

This intervention not only has been needless, but also a waste of taxpayers' money. Aren't there more important issues to address, such as combating global terrorism, providing quality education to our children and taking care of our senior citizens?

I am writing to urge you our government to end its lawsuit and its efforts to regulate Microsoft's software products. Neither the already weakened economy nor the innovative spirit of America needs to be stifled by a continuation of this litigation.

I have seen an analysis of the proposed consent decree, an analysis prepared by the Association for Competitive Technology. It appears that the settlement guarantees flexibility for computer manufacturers, guarantees to information technology providers access to technical specifications, guarantees flexibility to users and guarantees everyone involved the chance to get out of the courtroom and back to work. It is time to do just that.

Sincerely,

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